

the federal government has sponsored in the past, and when they drop their funding, many, many times they don't drop their mandates. If you...I think Medicaid is a perfect example of that, even though they cut back on the funding every year and we get less and less dollars from the federal government, the mandates are still all there, and I think that their...that the mandate that they have in place for us to have a statewide management plan, which must include the regulations within FIFRA, probably would commit us to having a FIFRA plan in this state. But I would still...personally, I would still much rather have us have that plan and have us be in control of it rather than having the EPA be in control of it.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senators. Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: I call the question.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Is there anyone else who wishes to speak to the committee amendments? Seeing none, do you have closing, Speaker Baack?

SPEAKER BAACK: Madam President, these are not the committee amendments, but this is an amendment, an amendment to the bill.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BAACK: Just very briefly, I think that the amendment is very straightforward. I think it helps...it helps someone like Senator Beutler and it helps as far as his understanding of the bill goes and I think it helps it bring it closer to what he wants to see happen in the bill. And that's what...that's why the amendment is submitted. I don't think it goes away from anything that I believe in. It does not move us away from the direction that I think we have to take. And so I would urge your adoption of this amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Speaker Baack. We will now vote on the motion to adopt the Baack amendment to LB 588. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President...Madam President, excuse me, on the adoption of the amendment.

PRESIDENT MOUL: The amendment is adopted. We will now proceed